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SUBJECT: AIR FRANCE ACCIDENT

REF: A) BOMBAY 1434

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DEPT PLEASE PASS NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD,
800 INDEPENDANCE AVENUE, FOR MR. FRANK TAYLOR, BAS-31
FROM HENDRICKS.

1. NTSB INVESTIGATION TEAM ARRIVED BOMBAY SATURDAY JUNE 14.
INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS. MR. H.B. SINGH, DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL
AVIATION, INVESTIGATOR IN CHARGE.

2. ACCIDENT OCCURRED FOLLOWING ABORTED TAKEOFF RUNWAY 27
APPROXIMATELY 0200 HOURS JUNE 12. AIRCRAFT DESTROYED BY FIRE EXCEPT
FOR EMPANAGE, PORTIONS OF BOTH WINGS AND ENGINES. PILOTS
STATEMENT REVEALS TAKEOFF ABORTED AT BETWEEN 100-110 KNOTS. REVERSE
THRUST, BRAKING, NORMAL DECELERATION. AIRCRAFT STOPPED ON RUNWAY AT
INTERSECTION CHARLIE. CABIN CREW MEMBER REPORTED SMOKE THEN
FIRE FROM RIGHT BODY GEAR AREA. CAPTAIN THEN INITIATED EMERGENCY
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EVACUATION PROCEDURES. ONLY LEFT SIDE EXITS UTILIZED - FOUR

SLIDES AND ONE MOBILE STAIRWAY. THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR PASSENGERS, PLUS EIGHTEEN CREW EVACUATED SAFELY. ONLY FOUR MINOR INJURIES REPORTED.

3. PRELIMINARY EVALUATION OF TIRE MARKS, ABRASIONS AND TIRE SECTIONS ON THE RUNWAY INDICATES THAT NUMBER ELEVEN TIRE FAILED PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF TAKEOFF RUN. NUMBER TWELVE TIRE FAILED DURING TAKEOFF. BOTH RIMS AND BRAKES MILLED ON RUNWAY THEREAFTER. HEAVY BLACK SMOKE THEN FIRE OCCURED AT RIGHT BODY GEAR TRUCK.

4. ACCOUNTS BY CREW AND WITNESSES INDICATE INITIAL RESPONSE BY FIRE DEPARTMENT INEFFECTIVE AND CONFUSED. PROPAGATION OF FIRE WAS RAPID AND INTENSE.

5. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN AREAS OF WHEEL BRAKE EXAMINATION, FIRE RESCUE ACTIVITY, AND FIRE PROPAGATION. ESTIMATE INVESTIGATION WILL BE COMPLETED THURSDAY, JUNE 19.

6. BOTH CVR AND DFDR RECOVERED. DFDR WILL BE SHIPPED WITHIN NEXT TWO-THREE DAYS TO NTSB WASHINGTON FOR EXAMINATION AT REQUEST OF INDIAN GOVERNMENT. WILL INFORM YOU WHEN IT IS ACTUALLY SHIPPED.
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